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Applicant : Masayuki TANI *et al.*
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For : VIDEO OR INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND
PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND MONITORING METHOD A
AND MONITORING APPARATUS USING THE SAME
Art Unit : 2673
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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08 January 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a USPTO mailing date of 07 October 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following in connection with the above-identified application.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 on page 58 of Applicant's specification with the following clarified paragraph:

Fig. 25 represents a data structure of a region frame. The region frame data is arranged by the number of regions for constituting the region frame and data related to the respective rectangular regions. The region data are constructed of a position (x, y) of a rectangular region in the screen coordinate system; a size (w, h) of a rectangular region; an active state, operation, and additional information of an object. The active state of the object is such a data for indicating whether or not the object is active, or inactive. When an object is under the inactive state, this object is not identified. Only an object under the active state is identified. A pointer to an event/operation corresponding table 1340 is stored in the operation field. The operation to be executed when the object is designated by a PD, is stored with forming a pair with the event into the event/operation corresponding table 1340. It should be noted that an event is to designate an operation sort of PD. For instance, an event when the pressure sensitive touch panel 12 is strongly depressed is different from an event when the pressure sensitive touch panel 12 is lightly depressed. Upon generation of an event, an object located at the position of this event is identified, and then the operation corresponding to the event matched to the generated event is executed among the event/operation pairs defined to this object. To the additional information of the region frame, a pointer to the additional information 1350 of the object, which cannot be expressed only as the rectangular

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region is stored. There are various types of additional information. For instance, there are a text drawn in an object, color, and a title (e.g., name) of an object ~~drawn in an object~~, and related information (e.g., a manual of an apparatus, maintenance information, design data). As a result, based upon the text drawn in the object, the object is searched and the related information of the designated object is represented.

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